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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARIO ALBERTO VALENZUELA,
Petitioner,
v.
RANDY GROUNDS, Warden,
Respondent.

No. C 13-436 SI (pr)

ORDER OF TRANSFER

RANDY GROUNDS, Warden,
Respondent.

Mario Alberto Valenzuela, an inmate at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, California, has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus to challenge his conviction from the Riverside County Superior Court. Riverside County lies within the venue of the Central District of California. The facility Valenzuela is incarcerated at is in Monterey County, within the venue of the Northern District of California. Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); however, a petition challenging a conviction or the sentence imposed is preferably heard in the district of conviction. *See* N. D. Cal. Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b). Because the conviction occurred in the Central District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b), and in the interests of justice, this action is TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The clerk shall transfer this matter forthwith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 31, 2013

Susan Illston
SUSAN ILLSTON
United States District Judge